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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2002, the three-month period for response with a one-month extension of time which extends through July 14, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. The Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time with the filing of this amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace pending claims 39 and 43 with the following amended claims.

39. (Amended) A positioning apparatus comprising:  
a first stage, the first stage being arranged to be movable along at least one axis;  
a first driving device coupled to the first stage, the first driving device moving the first stage along the at least one axis;

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